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FOR UNDER SECRETARY MAW FROM AMB JOVA

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SUBJECT: 200 MILES AND US-MEXICAN FISHERIES

1. ALTHOUGH THIS MATTER HAD ALREADY BEEN RAISED BY ECON COUNS AND FISHATT WITH AMB CASTANEDA, I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY CALL TODAY ON FOREIGN MINISTER GARCIA ROBLES TO RAISE OUR CONCERN. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT APPLICATION DATE OF JUNE 4 IS RAPIDLY RUSHING TOWARDS US, I RAISED POSSIBILITY OF SOME POSTPONEMENT BY MEXICANS OF ENFORCEMENT POINTING OUT GRAVE DANGERS OF COMPLICATIONS SHOULD AGREEMENTS BETWEEN US AS TO ENFORCEMENT NOT BE CLARIFIED. SHOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE JURIDICAL POSTPONEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT, I INOUIRED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT SOME SORT OF DEFACTO POSTPONE-MENT. GARCIA ROBLES REPLIED THAT HE TOO WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT MATTER. CASTANEDA HAD ALREADY TOLD HIM OF HIS PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND HE HAD FOR THIS REASON SET ASIDE TWO HOURS OF HIS TIME THIS VERY AFTERNOON TO COMMENCE GOING INTO MATTER TOGETHER WITH CASTANEDA AND HIS ADVISORS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WERE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN CURRENT MEXICAN LAW BASED ON SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND SOME PROPOSED REGULATIONS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT MATTER WAS HIGHLY COMPLICATED BUT WOULD TRY TO GET US SOME INITIAL IM-PRESSIONS WITHIN NEXT FEWS DAYS AND WOULD HAVE VERY MUCH IN MIND CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR CONCERNS REGARDING NEED FOR CLARIFICATIONS PRIOR TO ENFORCE-

MENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT CASTANEDA WOULD BE LEAVING FOR LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA LATER IN MONTH AND THIS IN ITSELF WOULD BE INCENTIVE FOR HIM TO GET AT LEAST SOME DECISION FOR US SOON.

2. REGARDING FORTHCOMING LOS CONFERENCE, IN WHICH GARCIA ROBLES SAID HE HIMSELF WAS VERY INTERESTED, HE FELT THAT REAL PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE ON THIS OCCASION. IT WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE FINAL SOLUTION AS THIS WAS STILL FAR DOWN THE TRACK. HE WAS HOPEFUL HOWEVER THAT AGREEMENTS REACHED IN GENEVA WOULD BE USEFUL BUILDING BLOCKS FOR MORE FINAL SOLUTION. JOVA

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